

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF WHEEL AND AXLE PLANT
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Wheel and Axle plants in the country alongwith their rate of performance?
- (b) whether the Government propose to set up a new Wheel and Axle Plant in Chhapra, Bihar; and
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

a) Railways are presently manufacturing Wheels and Axles in house at Rail Wheel Factory (RWF), Bangalore besides getting indigenous supplies from Durgapur Steel Plant (DSP). The total wheels and axles produced in these plants during the last three years are as under:-

		2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
RWF	Wheels	83760	101554	110407
	Axles	35911	43322	50513
DSP	Wheels	43371	41686	46020
	Axles	6533	6260	3941

- b) An announcement has been made in the Railway Budget speech for the year 2004-05. This proposed plant will be for manufacturing wheels only.
- c) There is expected to be a shortfall in the wheels manufacture capacity available in the country.